



Tennessee Office of Homeland Security TRAINING COURSES CATALOG 2014



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The primary mission of the Tennessee Office of Homeland Security is to prevent acts of terrorism and protect Tennesseans and the State's critical infrastructure from attack. We accomplish this mission by providing the resources, knowledge, and skills needed for law enforcement and public safety agencies, private sector partners, and the citizens of Tennessee to understand the risks presented by both international and domestic terrorists.

The Tennessee Office of Homeland Security is dedicated to providing specialized training needed to tackle the evolving threats facing our state and nation every day. We offer a variety of terrorism related training programs from introductory to advanced levels. Our course catalog provides specific information concerning the certified training programs currently available. Depending on the particular needs of your organization, it may be possible to customize a program to accommodate your target audience.

If your organization is interested in hosting a workshop*, or you would like more information about our programs, please contact the Tennessee Office of Homeland Security Training Coordinator, Brice Allen at: brice.allen@tn.gov or (615) 741-8897 to discuss possible training opportunities.

Thank you for your interest and support of Tennessee Homeland Security.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David W. Purkey", is positioned above a horizontal line.

**David W. Purkey
Assistant Commissioner
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* Minimum class size / attendee numbers may apply. Please contact the Tennessee Office of Homeland Security training coordinator for more information.



Available as of January 1, 2014

Law Enforcement / Public Safety Courses

Introduction to Terrorism

Terrorism can range from complex plots to small scale attacks and can take many forms. Often, the terrorist goal is to create an atmosphere of fear – in an effort to convince a population that their government is powerless to protect them.

This **2 hour** presentation serves as an introduction to terrorism as a global phenomenon and is designed to provide a general understanding of terrorism, terrorist activities, and methodologies. The presentation will discuss the theories and motivations that underlie international and domestic terrorism, as well as, terrorist tactics and related issues. ***This course is Peace Officer's Standards and Training (POST) approved.***

Domestic Extremism (Law Enforcement only)

While International terrorism is still on the top of the threat-pyramid, a chain of recent events and new research indicates that the threat from far right and far left extremist movements here in the United States is increasing.

This course is available in either a **2 or 4 hour** format and examines the fundamental beliefs of Tennessee's most prevalent domestic extremism ideologies. As well, this presentation provides information on radicalization, the threat of lone offenders, important extremist terms and concepts, and the challenges of domestic terrorism information gathering. ***This course is Peace Officer's Standards and Training (POST) approved.***



The Sovereign Citizen Movement – Understanding their Beliefs **(Law Enforcement only)**

The Sovereign Citizen movement generally rejects the authority of the United States Government and although they know the government exists; Sovereign Citizens believe that they have found obscure legal ways to be immune from its various laws.

This **2 hour** presentation will provide vital information about this growing movement by discussing the most common conspiracy theories behind their ideology as well as the most common practices and tactics of the Sovereign Citizen. ***This course is Peace Officer's Standards and Training (POST) approved.***

Assessment of the Sovereign Citizen Extremist Movement **(Law Enforcement only)**

Sovereign Citizen Extremists differ from the larger non-violent Sovereign Citizen Movement in their belief that violence is necessary to defend against what they perceive to be an illegitimate government. While most Sovereign Citizens are nonviolent, there have been violent encounters with persons linked to this movement, including the murder of two police officers in West Memphis, Arkansas in 2010, the 2012 murder of two Sheriff's Deputies and the wounding of three others in Louisiana, and numerous other plots by individuals identified as Sovereign Citizens.

This **2 hour** presentation examines Sovereign Citizen Extremist activity from recent years and will provide the most current and up to date evaluation of this movement. It is intended to heighten awareness of the threat for law enforcement and public safety professionals with responsibilities related to homeland security. ***This course is Peace Officer's Standards and Training (POST) approved.***



Tennessee Fusion Center's Consolidated Records Management System (CRMS) (Law Enforcement only)

Criminal activity knows no jurisdictional boundaries and often times offenders operate in multiple municipalities. But with limited time, resources, and budgetary restraints, information sharing can be a challenge for law enforcement. The Tennessee Fusion Center's Consolidated Records Management System (CRMS) is a comprehensive database, available to Tennessee law enforcement, which can provide crucial information and aid in the criminal investigation process by making available access to statewide law enforcement department records.

This **2 hour** program provides a look of the Tennessee Fusion Center's Consolidated Records Management System (CRMS) and how statewide law enforcement officers and investigators can benefit from this comprehensive tool. ***This course is Peace Officer's Standards and Training (POST) approved.***

The Sovereign Citizen Movement - Interactions in Court

Encounters with Sovereign Citizens are not limited to the law enforcement officer on the street. Everyday an increasing number of officials in the both civil and criminal court systems are dealing with self-proclaimed Sovereign Citizens. As the Sovereign Citizen movement generally rejects the authority of the United States Government, by extension they often reject the court system as well, creating the potential for conflict.

This **approximately 1 hour** presentation will provide vital information about this growing challenge by discussing the most common theories and practices of the Sovereign Citizen; as well as the movement's ever changing tactics and techniques, ways to better identify and recognize the Sovereign Citizen, and what to do when encountering a Sovereign Citizen - specific to court officers and officials.



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Tennessee Office of Homeland Security Liaison Officer (TLO/HSLO)

"Whether a plan for a terrorist attack is homegrown or originates overseas, important knowledge that may forewarn of a future attack may be derived from information gathered by State, local, and tribal government personnel in the course of routine law enforcement and other activities."

—National Strategy for Information Sharing, October 2007

Terrorism and Homeland Security Liaison Officers serve as the conduit through which homeland security and crime-related information flows from the field to the Fusion Center for assessment and analysis as it has become evident that one of the best ways to mitigate criminal and terrorist activity is to prevent it.

This **8 hour** basic Liaison Officer program fosters communication and collaboration amongst public safety, law enforcement, and homeland security partners and provides the knowledge and resources to better understand the responsibilities of a Liaison Officer. This program is designed to train law enforcement and public safety officials in information collection, suspicious activity reporting, the role of fusion centers, the special problems of terrorism, as well as, increase the participant's knowledge of information versus intelligence and their awareness of civil rights and civil liberties issues in regards to information collection and information sharing. ***This course is Peace Officer's Standards and Training (POST) approved.***



Public Courses

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The Sovereign Citizen Movement

The Sovereign Citizen movement generally rejects the authority of the United States Government and although they know the government exists; Sovereign Citizens believe that they have found obscure legal ways to be immune from its various laws.

This **1 ½ hour** presentation will provide vital information about this growing movement by discussing the most common theories and practices of the Sovereign Citizen.



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Sudden Violence – Surviving an Active Shooter

Throughout the United States, acts of sudden and unexpected violence in schools, shopping malls, office buildings, and other public locations have been on the rise. Events like the shootings in Virginia, Colorado, Oregon, and Connecticut raise awareness of this continuing national problem.

This **1 ½ hour** presentation - intended for businesses, schools, and other private entities - will provide vital information about mitigating the threat posed by individuals who carry out acts of violence, along with information that addresses intervention, clarifies the role of those involved, and how to effectively respond to the problem. *(This is not a tactical training course)*

Bomb Incident and Suspicious Package Management

Bomb and suspicious package threats persist as one of the most common threat related problems encountered by any organization.

This **1 hour** program - intended for private businesses and other entities - is designed to provide options for an organization faced with a bomb incident and/or a suspicious package at their facility. The program will cover reasons for bomb threats, credibility of the threat, search techniques, evacuations, and threat management choices.



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What is "Suspicious Activity"

Every citizen being alert to and reporting suspicious activity is the best way to protect our communities from terrorism and other criminal activity. In July 2010, the United States Department of Homeland Security launched a national *"If You See Something, Say Something™"* campaign, to raise public awareness and to highlight the importance of reporting suspicious activity.*

This 1 hour presentation is designed to aid in identifying suspicious activity based on suspicious behavior and situations; as well as discuss who to report suspicious activity to and what mechanisms are in place to do so.

*United States Department of Homeland Security. "If You See Something, Say Something™" Campaign.
<http://www.dhs.gov/if-you-see-something-say-something%E2%84%A2-campaign>



How to Host a Training Program in Your Classroom or Training Facility

In addition to delivering training at various conferences across Tennessee, the Tennessee Office of Homeland Security delivers training programs via host organizations. Organizations that host our programs are normally expected to provide training or classroom space and assist with marketing the class. The Tennessee Office of Homeland Security will typically provide everything else necessary to deliver the training program, including instructors, handouts, and supplies.

Who can be a Host?

A host can be any organization – private, corporate, or government that:

- has a need or interest in one or more of our training programs
- has free access to a suitable classroom where training can be conducted and
- is willing to get the word out and promote the training in and around their area.

What is required to become a Host?

1. Determine which training program(s) you would like to host.*
2. Contact the Tennessee Office of Homeland Security.

Phone: (615) 532-7825

Email: homeland.security@tn.gov - put "Host Training" in the subject line.

**If your organization needs a particular type of training and you do not see it in our catalog, please send us an email and we will try to accommodate your needs.*